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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT PRIORITY
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PARIS, ROME, LONDON FOR CIVAIR ATTACHES

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SUBJECT: BEIRUT AIRPORT

REF: BEIRUT 8642, 8639; STATE 290119

1. DEPT AND USDOC ARE CONCERNED THAT US MANUFACTURERS MAY NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER US-MADE EQUIPMENT FOR BEIRUT AIRPORT. WE HAVE CONTACTED FIRMS DIRECTLY AND THROUGH AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES ASSN. TO URGE THEM TO CONTACT BEYDOUN ASAP.

2. LEBANESE HAVE THUS FAR MADE KNOWN THEIR NEED FOR:

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VOR;

DME;
VASI;
WEATHER EQUIPMENT (RADIO SOUND AND WIND RADAR);
MOBILE ILS. -

THESE DESIRES, RAISED PIECEMEAL, SEEM TO INDICATE LACK OF FIRM PLANNING BY DGCA REGARDING THE REFITTING OF BEIRUT AIRPORT FACILITIES. WE THEREFORE FEEL THAT IT IS MORE USEFUL FOR U.S. FIRMS PRODUCING AIRPORT EQUIPMENT TO CONTACT BEYDOUN DIRECTLY.

3. RE MOBILE ILS: WE UNDERSTAND LEBANESE HAD RECEIVED NAMES OF US FIRMS MARKETING PERMANENT ILS SYSTEMS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE USAF MOBILE ILS IS APPROPRIATE FOR BEIRUT. IN ANY CASE, MOBILE ILS WOULD REQUIRE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF 10 USAF TECHNICIANS FOR CALIBRATION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION.

4. PARIS: IF BEYDOUN IS STILL IN EUROPE, MAY WE ADVISE MANUFACTURERS TO CONTACT CAA FOR INFO/ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING BEYDOUN? IS EMBASSY IN TOUCH WITH BEYDOUN, AND HAS HE PURCHASED ANY SYSTEMS TO DATE? KISSINGER

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